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(The present invention) relates to a method, device and software module for controlling access by a requestor (7) to resources (2d) in a distributed computer system (1), consisting of defining roles that overlay one or more privileges and representing the requestor's authorization to perform specific tasks, of storing the defined roles in a memory or store (10, 12), and of storing an access control list that defines the conditions for obtaining a right to a resource type, i.e., a configured permission, in terms of privileges in said memory or store (10, 12) and utilizing a validity domain of a given role to restrict the resources accessible for a given role to only part of the resource.--

1. The first step is to identify the problem or goal. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be achieved.